

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A blast protection system for protecting an asset from a blast force,
the system comprising:
 - a shaft;
 - a plurality of plates mounted on the shaft;
 - a panel attached to a first plate of the plurality of plates and for
receiving the blast force and transmitting a portion of the blast force to the first
plate; and
 - a base attached to a second plate of the plurality of the plates and
for receiving a portion of the force transmitted to the first plate by the panel,
wherein the force received by the base is less than the blast force.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the plates have a concave side and
a convex side.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the plates are disks.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the plates are Belleville springs.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the system is for placing between
the blast force and the asset.

6. A method of protecting an asset from a blast force, the method comprising:

receiving the blast force with a panel;

transmitting a portion of the blast force from the panel to a first plate of a plurality of plates, the plurality of plates being mounted on a shaft; and

transmitting a portion of the force transmitted to the first plate to a base attached to a second plate of the plurality of the plates,

wherein the force transmitted to the base is less than the blast force.